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The references listed in the attached PTO Form 1449, copies of which are attached, may be material to examination of the above-identified patent application. Applicants submit these references in compliance with their duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.56 and 1.97. The Examiner is requested to make these references of official record in this application.

- 1. Japanese Publication No. 10-184769 A concise explanation of this publication is provided at pages 1-3 & 39 of the specification.
- 2. Japanese Publication No. 10-184770 A concise explanation of this publication is provided at pages 1-3 & 39 of the specification.
- 3. Japanese Publication No. 3-157535 A concise explanation of this publication is provided at pages 1-3 & 39 of the specification.
- 4. Japanese Publication No. 10-148234 is the equivalent of U.S. Patent No. 6,120,012.
- 5. Japanese Publication No. 10-184775 A concise explanation of this publication is attached to the front of the reference.
- 6. Japanese Publication No. 3-84238 is the equivalent of U.S. Patent No. 5,092,566.

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